



Maoists Encountered in Indravati National Park

Why in News?

Security forces killed five **Maoists** during an encounter inside **Indravati National Park** in Chhattisgarh's Bijapur district.

Key Points

- **Operations in Indravati National Park:**
 - Multiple security teams reached **the Bandepara-Koranjed area**, after receiving **intelligence about Maoist activity**.
 - Security forces identified the Maoists as members of **the People's Liberation Guerrilla Army (PLGA)** based on their uniforms.
- **Weapons Recovered:**
 - Recovered items included a **self-loading rifle, a barrel grenade launcher**, a 12-bore gun, a Bharmar gun, **explosives, and other weapons**.

Indravati National Park

- **About:**
 - It is situated in the **Bijapur district of Chhattisgarh**.
 - It was **established in 1981** and **declared a tiger reserve in 1983** under India's **Project Tiger**.
 - It is **named after the Indravati River**, which flows from east to west and forms the reserve's northern boundary with Maharashtra.
- **Vegetation:**
 - Comprises three major forest types:
 - Moist Mixed Deciduous Forest with Teak.
 - Moist Mixed Deciduous Forest without Teak.
 - Southern Dry Mixed Deciduous Forest.
- **Flora:**
 - Common tree species include **teak, achar, karra, kullu, shisham, semal, haldu, arjun, bel, and jamun**.
- **Fauna:**
 - Hosts one of the last populations of **rare wild buffalo**.
 - Other species include **Nilgai, Black Buck, Sambar, Gaur, Tiger, Leopard, Chital, Sloth Bears, and more**.